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Letter dated 10 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to the letter dated 20 August 2003, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force recorded on 25, 27 and 28 August; on 4, 18 and 23 September; and on 6 and 7 October 2003, as follows:

On 25 August 2003, one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko in the occupied part of Cyprus, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On the same day, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko. The aircraft later took off, departing towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 27 August 2003, six (6) F-16 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara in one formation, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting in a westerly direction.

On 28 August 2003, one (1) AB-205 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko and later at the illegal airport of Krini.

On 4 September 2003, one (1) CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko. The aircraft departed the following day.

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On 18 September 2003, four (4) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type, coming from a westerly direction, entered the FIR of Nicosia in one formation, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 23 September 2003, two (2) F-16 Turkish military aircraft, coming from the FIR of Ankara in one formation, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards a reverse direction.

On the same day, one (1) Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On the same day 2003, one (1) Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko.

On 6 October 2003, four (4) F-16 Turkish military aircraft, in one formation, coming from a westerly direction, entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 7 October 2003, one (1) COUGAR Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I strongly protest all the above-mentioned violations of the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, which are contrary to international law as well as to Security Council resolutions on Cyprus. We sincerely hope that the Government of Turkey, taking into consideration its international obligations, will refrain from further violations, respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and contribute substantively to the efforts for a just and functional solution to the Cyprus problem, on the basis of United Nations resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 30, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**